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Please amend claims 1, 13, 20, 32, 44, and 51 to the following:

--1. (Amended) An information-signal playback system comprising an information-signal reading apparatus for reading out a main information signal and information on copyright protection from a recording medium containing said main information signal and information on at least copyright protection, and an information-signal processing apparatus for receiving said main information signal and said information on copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus,

wherein said information-signal reading apparatus has:

a readout means for reading out said information on copyright protection from said recording medium;

an encryption means for encrypting said information on copyright protection read out by said readout means; and

an output means for supplying said information on copyright protection encrypted by said encryption means and said unencrypted information on copyright protection and said main information signal on which copy control information is embodied to said information-signal processing apparatus, and

said information-signal processing apparatus has:

a watermark detecting means for detecting the copy control information from said main information signal;

a decryption means for decrypting said encrypted information on copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus; and

a control means for controlling predetermined processing carried out on said main

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information signal on the basis of said unencrypted information on copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus, information on copyright protection obtained as a result of decryption carried out by said decryption means and said copy control information.--

--13. (Amended) An information-signal reading apparatus for reading out a main information signal and information on copyright protection from a recording medium containing said main information signal and information on at least copyright protection and for supplying said signal and said information to an information-signal processing apparatus, said information-signal reading apparatus comprising:

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a readout means for reading out said information on copyright protection from said recording medium;

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an encryption means for encrypting said information on copyright protection read out by said readout means; and

an output means for supplying said information on copyright protection encrypted by said encryption means and said unencrypted information on copyright protection and said main information signal on which copy control information is embodied to said information-signal processing apparatus. --

--20. (Amended) An information-signal processing apparatus for receiving a main information signal, encrypted information on copyright protection and unencrypted information on copyright protection, said information-signal processing apparatus comprising:

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a watermark detecting means for detecting copy control information from said main information signal;

a decryption means for decrypting said encrypted information on copyright protection; and

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a control means for controlling predetermined processing carried out on said main information signal on the basis of said unencrypted information on copyright protection, information on copyright protection obtained as a result of decryption carried out by said decryption means and said copy control information.--

--32. (Amended) An information-signal playback method for driving an information-signal reading apparatus to read out a main information signal and information on copyright protection from a recording medium containing said main information signal and information on at least copyright protection and supply said main information signal and said information on copyright protection to an information-signal processing apparatus, said information-signal playback method comprising the steps of:

driving said information-signal reading apparatus to supply encrypted information on copyright protection and unencrypted information on copyright protection and said main information signal on which copy control information is embodied to said information-signal processing apparatus; and

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driving said information-signal processing apparatus to detect copy control information from said main information signal, decrypt said encrypted information on copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus, and control predetermined processing carried out on said main information signal on the basis of said unencrypted information on copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus, information on copyright protection obtained as a result of decryption and said copy control information.--

--44. (Amended) An information-signal reading method for reading out a main information signal and information on copyright protection from a recording medium containing

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